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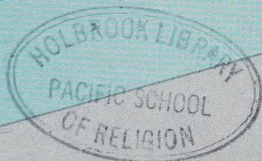


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## The grace of letting go

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To give up false beliefs! To outgrow mistakes! To forgive enmity! To forgive ourselves! To erase unhappy memories and sacrifice belief in the reality of everything that isn't good!

What a sense of well-being takes over, as we sing the song of the allness of divine Love! But how can we let go of past struggles and trials? How can we burn them up for the chaff they are?

Christian Science helps us gain the ability to gracefully let go of a morbid clinging to yesterday and see the larger view of what is really going on. The need to correct mistakes, to make amends where this is called for, is inescapable. When we have done this, we are ready to accept God's message that mistakes were never true because they never happened in the realm of Spirit. In the allness of infinite good, evil was never even slightly real. Evil was and is error, a false state of thought, like a dream.



The only value of the suffering that error brings is the opportunity it gives us to wake up from the dream to the spiritual reality.

As the lesson is learned in each experience, that event has fulfilled its purpose; so it is no longer needed, and we can stop dwelling on it. Everyday happenings have no permanent significance, except they include the appearing of higher concepts; these, in turn, are needed to dissolve falsities. Daily living is useful as a tool of learning—as a step toward seeing more clearly God's ever-present love and our real place in Him. The highest value of challenges is in purifying our motives, raising them from the simple search for human betterment to the desire to be free of enslavement to the dream of mortality.

Basically what is needed in letting go of dead materialistic beliefs is acquaintance with spiritual fact, which error would hide. An example is found in nature when dead leaves drop off because of the pushing out of new growth, and blossoms give way to the development of the coming fruit. So, with us, the sprouting of new and fresh spiritual views pushes aside outgrown limitations. Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, clarifies the whole prospect: "As the crude footprints of the past disappear from the dissolving paths of the present, we shall better understand the Science which governs these changes, and shall plant our feet on firmer ground."<sup>1</sup>

False personal traits believed to be our own sometimes hinder our giving up belief in a discordant past. For instance, memories are hard to shake when we constantly dwell on feelings of personal self-gratification emphasizing the past. A ballooning pride or self-importance would shrink our gratitude to God and dim our spiritual perception of what is really important and lasting. And self-condemnation for past failures is really the other side of the same coin of self-centered motives. When, through progress in Christian Science, we discover our true motive—to express God and to obey Him before all else—this breaks the hold of past unhappinesses, and we can let them go.

Another fallacy that would chain us to bygone days is clinging to some willfully outlined result that does not appear. We may ask: "Why did this happen when I have been so dedicated to the

truth? I did everything I knew how in order to solve this problem. If God is all-power, why didn't I succeed?" The answer is that in Science we are not seeking to spiritualize matter or material existence but to see them as unreal and so find out that our only existence is spiritual. With this higher spiritual perspective we can see the transforming effect of God's power. When our motive is to change outward appearances—when we're trying to make sick matter well—we are mixing up the unreal with the real and so not gaining the true sense of health. Unsolved problems are calling on us to recognize that the evil to be expunged has never been real and that the lessons to be learned are valuable opportunities for improvement.

After his resurrection, Christ Jesus gave a vivid example of scientific forgetting. He caught up with two of his disciples as they walked to the village of Emmaus. They did not recognize their Master and were amazed that he appeared not to know about recent events in Jerusalem. He asked them, "What things?"<sup>2</sup> Might this not indicate that the Master was already leaving behind an awareness of the hatred of his enemies?

Surely we can learn to stop going over the sad dreams of the past, because God's grace has given us the understanding that they were never genuinely substantial—never a part of divine reality. This is God's gift to us—this realization of the unreality of mortal existence. As His immortal likeness we were never in the mistaken sense of things, and we can begin to prove it. This is why we can let error go, and do it with gratitude as we cling to the truth instead.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 224; <sup>2</sup> Luke 24:19.

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*Neither death, nor life, nor angels,  
nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us  
from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38, 39

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# Healing the wounds of prejudice

ESTHER L. MILLS

How can our wounds be healed? By our accepting and obeying the truth. The Bible says, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."<sup>1</sup> The spiritual truth of being wipes out bad memories and lingering resentment, bitterness, despair—even rebelliousness. It proves they are all without validity.

I look a little different from those around me, since I live in America but I am of Korean ancestry, and this has caused me some problems. After a couple of disturbing occurrences I decided to do something about the situation through the understanding of Christian Science. I knew that God had an answer for me that would wipe out all belief in these unhappy experiences, which I found myself going over and over in my mind.

One day my good friend and next-door neighbor was having a yard sale and invited me to bring some of my things to sell. I was having a happy morning. Then I went over to talk with a young woman who had been there for some time. I asked her if she was going to buy the bicycle she was examining. Immediately she turned away without saying a word and walked out of the yard. It seemed to me that pride and prejudice were strong. For a moment I felt despair. I once believed such actions stemmed from hatred, but through the study of Christian Science I have learned they are due mainly to ignorance—ignorance of God and His creation. God's creation is spiritual and perfect, and since man is included in this creation, he is spiritual and perfect too.

Later that morning when I was alone, I just talked out loud to God: "I'm listening, God." Immediately an answer came: "Father-Mother." At first I thought, Why that kind of an an-



swer? Then: Why, yes! God is my Father-Mother, and He is Father-Mother to everyone everywhere, so we all belong to one big family, God's family. This truth helped me some, but I needed to take it further.

As I prayed, two lines from one of Mrs. Eddy's poems came to mind:

Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear  
No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.<sup>2</sup>

Why, of course, I can do that. I can wait for others to see what I am learning to see, and I can love more by getting a better understanding of God and the man He has made. I knew that a clearer understanding of man's loving, spiritual nature, including a better view of my own spiritual identity, would help me see the unreality of the incident.

Later that day as I was reading an article in the *Sentinel*, the thought that we should not let ourselves believe in a matter-based theory about man stood out to me. If we are believing that one individual is white, another black, and another yellow, we are accepting this false theory, I realized. We are going down the wrong path. Belief in a matter-based theory brings with it belief in all the ills of the flesh. I felt better and freer.

But there was one last argument: You are still a Korean, so you're different from these other people. I countered: God never said so. God did not tell me I was a material mortal. I must believe in Him. I must trust Him. I must remain loyal to God. Through the study of Christian Science we learn to see through mortal mind's lie that we are physical beings—all different, divided into races and also classes. Mrs. Eddy says in *Science and Health*, "It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness."<sup>3</sup> The children of the one Father-Mother, being spiritual, cannot be divided into races and classes.

A thorough research of the words "Father," "Mother," and "family" with the aid of the Concordances to the Bible and to Mrs. Eddy's writings can help us all to realize more clearly that we have one Father-Mother and therefore belong to one family. And realizing this heals the hurt and resentment that result from discrimination.

*Science and Health* states, "Love is the liberator."<sup>4</sup> Love leads us to forgive. The activity of love and forgiveness is a potent force in destroying present discord and bitterness as well as the memory of past unhappy experiences resulting from prejudice.

Christ Jesus showed the highest kind of forgiveness when he said on the cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."<sup>5</sup> His enemies were crucifying him, but they could not destroy his understanding of Love, God. There is such freedom and joy in obeying divine Love! Through this obedience, and through denying material sense testimony and evil mind and acknowledging spiritual identity as the real, I am now completely free of the unhappiness I used to feel.

The Bible tells us we all belong to the household of God, have one Father, are children of God. Awakening to this relationship, we find lasting joy.

<sup>1</sup> John 8:32; <sup>2</sup> *Poems*, p. 4; <sup>3</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 304; <sup>4</sup> *ibid.*, p. 225; <sup>5</sup> Luke 23:34.

## By Love sustained

Whatever memory claims to be one's own—  
That history, background, way of life comprise—  
In every aspect innate goodness lies,  
For Love was always there and wrong unknown,  
Except to mortal sense. God's love is shown  
In our capacity for good, in ties  
Of fellowship and justice. From these arise  
A sounder judgment and a wisdom grown  
From unselfed love. Then the consequence  
And errors of mortality will fade,  
Lost in eternal goodness entertained;  
By Love revealed, with endless furtherance,  
And man is seen—man in God's image made—  
Whole and harmonious, free, by Love sustained.

FRANCIS FANSHAWE ALGIE



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# Where safety is

RICHARD CLAUDE HAW

The only true safety is in the understanding of God's allness. The belief of living in a material world of lawless mortal minds is loaded with danger. Materialism and fear are inseparable concomitants, and in these latter times we need to get a clearer understanding of what it means to be "hid with Christ in God."<sup>1</sup> All the claims of evil—sickness, accident, death, lack, violence, war—are false, urging that matter and mortal mind have life and power and that God is not omnipotent.

Someone once tellingly defined fear as disbelief in the all-powerfulness of God. We are safe in proportion as we understandingly and prayerfully realize the spiritual facts of being, in which man dwells in infinite spiritual perfection, wherein Love, the divine Mind, governs all in harmony. In that real and only spiritual realm we cannot be touched by any suggestions of evil, for such suggestions would have to touch God before touching us. St. Paul says, "In him we live, and move, and have our being."<sup>2</sup>

The divine fact of safety is that there could not possibly be any power in evil, because God, Spirit, good, is All. Christian Scientists speak of "doing their protective work." This prayerful work is effectual to the extent that one gains the realization that—because of the allness of God—there is nothing real from which we need to be protected. The real man is the very expression of God and has the dominion God gave him. Wherever man is, God is, for God and man are inseparable in being. Since God is infinite and omnipotent, there can be no place where the infinitude of good is absent.

I recently made a 5,000-kilometer journey by car, without incident. More than half the journey was through terrorist-ridden country. Does this of itself signify "protection"? Not necessarily, unless it was based on the true *understanding* of what safety is.

Millions of cars travel every day, yet only a small proportion encounter accident, which can often be traced to fear or negative thinking. The law of good is operating, but we need to understand this law and consciously align our thinking with the divine Mind, which governs all in harmony.

During my journey through the dangerous bush country, I had no fear that any evil would or could befall, because I had seen that in reality the only man there is, is God's man, who is Christly, loving, and reflects the one divine Mind. In this oneness of Mind there could be no conflicts, no opposing viewpoints, no hate. Love, being reflected in loving, holds all in the harmony and concord of divine law. Because God is infinite Love, only love is actually expressed anywhere. As Mrs. Eddy writes: "Human hate has no legitimate mandate and no kingdom. Love is enthroned."<sup>3</sup>

How could there possibly be anything "out there" to menace if Love is reigning and is infinite? So long as we fear anything "out there" we aren't really safe, no matter how thoroughly we may try to protect ourselves materially. Christ Jesus could pass unharmed through a threatening mob because he knew that the spiritual facts of Love's allness precluded anything evil.

Gaining this understanding of safety does not mean we should retreat into a kind of spiritual laager just for the protection of ourselves or our immediate families. We have to include *all* in the realm of Love, see all as God has made them—His beloved spiritual children living in brotherly love and concord. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, is explicit about this where she says: "It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established."<sup>4</sup>

Christian Science demands that we embrace everyone in a love reflecting the one divine Love—universal and impartial—and that we recognize all as under the harmonious control of divine Principle. In this way we deprive evil of identity as person or place. The divine consciousness precludes anything

unlike Love, and because it is the infinite and only consciousness, we know we are safe. The understanding of God's absolute allness, and of man's spiritual reflection of His intelligence, His law-governed activity, His love for all His children, enables us to *know* where we truly "live, and move, and have our being." In this realm of harmony evil and accidents are unknown.

<sup>1</sup> Col. 3:3; <sup>2</sup> Acts 17:28; <sup>3</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 454; <sup>4</sup> *ibid.*, p. 467.

# Would you recognize the Christ?

FRANCES ZIMMER LOJINGER

If you had been one of Christ Jesus' disciples, on your way to Emmaus, would you have recognized the Master as he walked with you, explaining the Old Testament references concerning himself? Or would your eyes, too, have been "holden" so that you couldn't perceive who he was?<sup>1</sup>

Jesus is no longer on this earth. But the Christ, the divine nature he expressed, is eternal, and it's important that we recognize the Christ. It existed before the human Jesus appeared and continues to live forever. Christliness motivated Jesus' words and deeds. Moreover, the Christ inspired the prophets who lived hundreds of years before Jesus. In fact, the Christ is still present to inspire us today. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea,—the reflection of God,—has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth."<sup>2</sup>

Do we recognize the Christ? Do we hear the divine message and identify it as God's ever-present Truth fulfilling our needs,



or are we so immersed in fear or sorrow that we fail to behold the solution at hand? The answer is always present because God and His Christ are omnipresent, and as God's children we already have everything we need.

"Absorbed in material selfhood," Mrs. Eddy says, "we discern and reflect but faintly the substance of Life or Mind."<sup>3</sup> Let's not be so "absorbed in material selfhood" that we fail to detect the divine presence, whether expressed by someone else or by an intuition that dawns in our own consciousness. Let's not be fooled by the material senses into believing any lie about our complete, harmoniously unfolding life—be the lie about our health, relationships, business, or supply.

It is inherent in our true nature to know and love the Christ. Contrary to appearances, we are not mortals with private material minds, unreceptive to Truth. We are ideas in and of the divine Mind that created us, including all this Mind imparts.

The healing Christ is revealed in many ways, most significantly through the Bible and through *Science and Health* and other writings by Mrs. Eddy. The Christ may appear to us as a flash of inspiration or a gently unfolding idea showing us what we need to know. It speaks in every tongue, with infinite variety, fulfilling all human needs. "Christ is the true idea voicing good, the divine message from God to men speaking to the human consciousness,"<sup>4</sup> writes Mrs. Eddy.

How is our receptivity to the Christ heightened? Through spiritualizing our thought. And this is accomplished as we study the letter of Christian Science and put it into practice, as we cultivate the spirit of Christliness. To be receptive to the Christ we need to be more aware of its expression not only in ourselves but in those about us. This process of studying, applying, being receptive, purifies our mentality so that it becomes "good ground" for the seed of Truth, as Christ Jesus' parable portrays.<sup>5</sup>

When my first husband died suddenly, I was immediately sustained, feeling the comforting, guiding presence of the healing Christ. It was instantly clear to me that each one's Life is God and that this Life is without beginning or ending. Although my husband and I could no longer communicate, I knew that nothing had happened to Life. This was exactly the Christly message

I needed; I received it gladly and clung to it. There was no consciousness of lack or loss or grief, for I refused to accept this lie about everlasting Life.

I was aware of the Christ as never before, companioning with it, turning constantly to it for direction and not succumbing to speculations about difficulties that might lie ahead. I did not feel alone. I trusted God implicitly, knowing I could take each step as it appeared, whether or not I could see the ultimate outcome. I learned not to despair just because every detail was not immediately evident, but to pray, listen, and act accordingly. Isaiah prophesied centuries ago, “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”<sup>6</sup> This is what happened to me. God directed me through His Christ; I listened and followed.

<sup>1</sup> See Luke 24:13-32; <sup>2</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 333; <sup>3</sup> *ibid.*, p. 91; <sup>4</sup> *ibid.*, p. 332; <sup>5</sup> See Matt. 13:1-23; <sup>6</sup> Isa. 30:21.

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## “Thine age shall be clearer than the noonday”

ALAN A. AYLWIN

If the euphemism “senior citizen” describes our time of life, we needn’t succumb to the limitations that popular belief would fasten on us.

Christian Science reveals a spiritual source of joy, renewal, and strength that can be tapped by anyone regardless of age. This source is God Himself, the creator and sustainer of us all, and the capacities and abilities that He imparts to you and me can never be lost. The Bible states forthrightly of those who live in accord with God’s law, “Thine age shall be clearer

than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.”<sup>1</sup>

The universal intelligence and Life that man expresses isn't in a gradual decline. Nothing in God's creation is sliding downhill. The glory of divine Mind's fullness remains unchanged. Each of us, whether humanly twenty-five or seventy-five, needs to identify himself with this fathomless, immortal source of intelligence and vitality, and vigorously reject all that would seemingly contradict it. The book of Isaiah promises, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”<sup>2</sup>

Active, persistent study of Christian Science teaches us that all real thought and movement are the expression of God, the one Life, who is tirelessly manifesting His intelligence and energy in man. The understanding of man's total dependency on God—of his inseparability from the Mind that conceives him—is the coming of the Christ to human consciousness. It is the vitalizing divine idea that feeds and harmonizes human thought, and therefore brings strength and renewal to the subjective state of human thought, called body.

The experience of Moses bears this out. Before he undertook his great work in bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, he caught a glimpse of God as the great I AM, the infinite Mind that sustained, renewed, and guided him. From that time on, his communion with the eternal Ego was the source of his strength. Moses was eighty years old when he undertook this monumental task, and for forty years during his sojourn in the wilderness of Sinai he carried on with great stamina and executive skill. And even when he reached the age of one hundred and twenty, it was said that “his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.”<sup>3</sup>

Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health*, “Life and its faculties are not measured by calendars.” And further on she continues, “Except for the error of measuring and limiting all that is good and beautiful, man would enjoy more than threescore years and ten and still maintain his vigor, freshness, and promise.”<sup>4</sup>

Most of Mrs. Eddy's work in establishing the Cause of



Christian Science was accomplished during a time of life when many people are retired. Journalists who interviewed her were amazed at the strength and clarity of her thought. Her constant communion with divine Mind enabled her to demonstrate the executive capacity to guide her Church with conspicuous success.

Mrs. Eddy's experience emphasizes the fact that there is never a moment when the real man is aged, lonely, or useless, for he is the complete, changeless expression of God, and He is tireless, joyous, ever-active Life. This is scientific fact, regardless of the seeming evidence of age-related incapacity and unhappiness that we see around us.

Christian Science is showing us that persons, as the physical senses perceive them, are not the reality of man. They are not the image and likeness of God but are counterfeits of true identity. They are phases of a false material sense that seems to produce a mesmeric picture of disease, decay, and final annihilation. We need to see clearly our complete separation from this lie of material deterioration, and realize and affirm the substance of our being to be God Himself—the substance of Spirit, which is untouched by change and decay.

We need to understand that no belief of uselessness—of being “put on the shelf”—can handle us when we realize that the real reason for living hasn't terminated because we have reached a certain point in time. So what appears superficially as the end of everything actually can be the beginning of something far greater and more satisfying—that is, an opportunity to grow in spiritual stature leading inevitably to a usefulness wider than anything previously attained.

Whether we are young or old according to mortal view, we should remember that Christ Jesus' words are relevant in our lives: “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.”<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Job 11:17; <sup>2</sup> Isa. 40:31; <sup>3</sup> Deut. 34:7; <sup>4</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 246; <sup>5</sup> John 18:37.

# An interview: with a former major-league pitcher

by WILLIAM WELSH HOLLAND

*In 1967 Gene "Sandy" Vance pitched an 11-0 season while attending Stanford University, a best-ever record that stands today. His earned-run average of 1.70 ranks fourth-best in the school's history. He had always hoped to pitch in the major leagues, and in 1970 he became a starting pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Still active in baseball in a public-relations capacity, he launched his present second career in environmental planning shortly after he stopped pitching.*

## **Was becoming a professional ballplayer a childhood dream?**

I think every youngster who becomes heavily involved in sports dreams of one day playing for his favorite professional team. I was no exception. However, with all that dreaming I never really planned or counted on playing big-league baseball. When I signed a professional contract, I continued to play each minor-league season as it came, doing my best at each level. I knew that if I had what it took to play big-league ball, it would be recognized, and the opportunity to advance would come. And it eventually did, without my trying to force it.

## **You became a Christian Scientist after you began playing for the Dodgers. How did this come about?**

As a result of a severe arm injury. I had pitched a very strenuous nine innings one night, and the next morning I was unable to lift my arm without extreme pain. From past experience with lesser degrees of this type of injury, I knew there was nothing our trainer or team doctor could do to relieve the situation.

Up till then the extent of my investigation of Christian Science was an occasional glance at *Science and Health* with the sole purpose of disproving its precepts to my wife, a practicing Christian Scientist. Well, there I was with a very sore arm, another turn to pitch coming up in three days, and a terrifying feeling that I had ruined my arm permanently. To my surprise I found myself asking my wife if there might be a Christian Science practitioner in town.

The next day I visited one, who told me about my spiritual perfection as God's likeness and my consequent ability to do my job without limit or pain. At that moment I began to see that something much more powerful than my own personal efforts governed my ability to throw a baseball with strength and precision. I needed to acknowledge the presence of God's government and yield to His infinite power and control.

Within days I returned to the pitching rotation on a regular basis, only this time as a committed Christian Scientist. A new and permanent way of life had begun for me.

### **How did your teammates, coaches, and trainers react?**

My transition to Science was such an easy, natural step, I'm not sure my teammates were even aware of anything different. Outwardly, my actions on the field hadn't changed, but inwardly my whole approach to the game now stemmed from a new and fulfilling spiritual outlook.

My trainer and my manager, however, were aware of my commitment to Christian Science. They both regarded this as my own personal decision and did their best to comply with the changes I made in my training habits. For instance, I stopped taking medication and soaking my throwing arm in ice water after each game—a regular practice of mine since high school.

**One gets the impression that professional athletes are precious commodities whose every ache and pain is diagnosed, doctored, drugged, and often surgically treated. Did you find this to be the case, and if so, was dealing with this attitude a challenge?**

There's no question that today's athlete is constantly pelted with the suggestion that he is fragile and injury prone. I some-



times found myself among a group of players discussing in detail their aches, pains, and fears of permanent injury. It was then that I was most thankful for the spirit of Mrs. Eddy's command, "Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate."<sup>1</sup> Refusing to take part, I knew, could only bless my career, together with the careers of others in the profession.

With so much emphasis today on a player's personal value to his team, the concern and publicity automatically center on his physical well-being. The player should be emphasizing to himself, however, his value to God, his creator and true preserver. The athlete's physical well-being responds directly to an acknowledgment of God's all-powerful care of His creation.

### **Did Christian Science change the way you prepared for a game?**

Yes, in many ways my pregame preparation changed—but of course in some ways it remained the same. For example, as I became more involved in Christian Science, I would prepare metaphysical workouts to go along with my regular physical workouts. These mental workouts were meant to strengthen the realization of my perfect, unbroken relationship with divine Mind, the true source of my strength and grace. And of control, too.

Once I felt solidly assured of this fact, pitching became more a matter of *expressing* than *doing*, of *relying*, than *trying*. I began to see that each ball game was an unfoldment of beauty, intelligence, and skill exhibited by players on both teams. I never ceased, though, to appreciate the importance of training in preparing for a game. In fact, the more prayer-based joy, endurance, and diligence I brought to the physical training, the less it lapsed into drudgery, tiring necessity, and tedium.

### **Many pitchers must feel the outcome of the game is resting on their shoulders. How did you cope with the pressure and feelings of personal responsibility?**

The personal responsibility for winning or losing a ball game shouldn't be any more of a burden for a pitcher than for any other player, and it won't be if it's viewed correctly.

To be sure, I pitched many games in which I felt the burden of responsibility on my shoulders. On most of these occasions, though, I felt very alone and usually played quite poorly. My best major-league performances occurred when I concentrated hardest on the particular task at the moment, rather than being concerned with the glories and consequences of my own personal performance. I'll admit that wrestling with vainglory requires of the athlete a great deal of effort, but its rewards are always greater than the winning of a game, match, or meet. Harmony comes from Mind. Any step closer to demonstrating this fact constitutes the only real victory there is.

**How did you keep from being depressed after being relieved or losing a game?**

Sometimes it wasn't easy to avoid feeling disappointed or frustrated after a poor performance, but I found that whether I looked on the experience as an obstacle or as a steppingstone usually determined how well I did the next time. As in any other phase of life, some accomplishments seem almost effortless, while others require a great deal of work.

I firmly believe that these more vigorous efforts we sometimes have to make are essential to our progress. Without these opportunities to overcome discouragement, it's unlikely we'd develop our spiritual muscles—our strong, pure convictions. Mrs. Eddy, speaking of demonstrating the healing of Christian Science, remarks in *Science and Health* that "self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life."<sup>2</sup> Unless we develop these qualities, we stagnate and never make any real progress Godward. Knowing that the overcoming of depression or disappointment was a steppingstone to Spirit—knowing that the Father furnishes us all with more than enough opportunities to move ahead spiritually—was a help to me. I came to genuinely anticipate each new game, no matter what the outcome of the previous one.

**What finally made you decide to leave professional baseball?**

In any professional sport, as one moves into higher levels of performance and competition, it's necessary to dedicate more

and more time and energy to perfecting skills. During a key point in my career, my interests and activities began branching in directions outside baseball, and these competing interests showed in declining effectiveness on the mound. Before long I realized I had to make a decision on my future in baseball. After a lot of prayer my answer came—I was ready for a new step. I was given my release from the Dodgers soon after, and through more prayerful listening I began studies that led to a very fulfilling career in environmental planning. Interestingly, because of the good relations I had developed with the ball club, I was given a part-time public-relations position with the Dodgers without which my graduate schooling in environmental planning would have been impossible.

**What advice would you offer to someone considering a career in professional sports?**

I would encourage Christian Scientists to consistently reaffirm their purpose for activity—to glorify God, not a personal self. In sports it is very tempting for the athlete to want all the attention, glory, and interest to be centered on this self. Christ Jesus' career is a perfect example of selfless achievement, of living to glorify God. The open secret of his healing works is ours to use today: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise."<sup>3</sup> Impelled by a spiritual motive, athletics can become a joyful giving experience in which all—the spectators, the opponents, and the performer himself—can be blessed.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 451; <sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 462; <sup>3</sup> John 5:19.

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*As for God, his way is perfect:  
the word of the Lord is tried:  
he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. . . .  
It is God that girdeth me with strength,  
and maketh my way perfect.  
He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,  
and setteth me upon my high places.*

Psalms 18:30, 32, 33



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# The simplicity of divine logic

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When a little girl was asked what she knew of God, she answered, "I know that God loves me and that He is everywhere." A simple statement of two spiritual facts that, when accepted and understood, expand into countless healing applications. These facts are based on the simplest kind of logic as well as profound spiritual truth.

God is the only power. One may ask, "Can a deep truth be expressed in such simple terms?" Yes, it can. These are simple yet complete metaphysical statements of spiritual fact, which when felt and lived bring healing. Simple spiritual thoughts, consistently affirmed, can be applied effectively and quickly during a moment of fear. For example, at the instant when an accident appears to be happening, or whenever an immediate response to a menacing situation is needed.

While at work, a Christian Scientist slipped and hit her head heavily against an iron railing. She was momentarily stunned. Several passers-by asked if she was all right. She answered, "Yes" and immediately gained this spiritual insight: "Man never fell. Man is the child of God." Pain was dispelled with the acknowledgment that matter cannot report any sensation to Mind. She got up, walked to her destination, and had no pain, swelling, or aftereffects. The incident was completely dismissed until several weeks later when she told her husband.

Many have proved the power of such succinct statements of divine logic to present an immediate defense against the pretensions of evil. But more is required than the mere echoing of words and phrases. One must admit the potency of Truth supporting each statement. And various facets of the one Truth may need to be seen and applied.

We can prove that evil—discord of any kind—is powerless, even nonexistent, by applying the scientifically sound reasoning that God is the all-pervading presence who made all and declared it good. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, states in *Science and Health*, “God, good, being ever present, it follows in divine logic that evil, the suppositional opposite of good, is never present.”<sup>1</sup>

Mrs. Eddy’s writings convey a scientifically demonstrable system of metaphysical healing that can be grasped by both beginning and seasoned Christian Scientists, to be applied by each one at his own point of understanding. The full power of Truth is brought to bear on a situation when we comprehend clearly that there is one Mind, one perfect will of God in operation now—expressing ever-present perfection. “Only by understanding that there is but one power,—not two powers, matter and Mind,—are scientific and logical conclusions reached,”<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Eddy explains.

Small children respond quickly to the healing influence of Truth because of the clarity and simplicity of their thought. Our Master, Christ Jesus, loved children because of their pure receptivity. When the disciples rebuked those who brought children to him, Jesus said: “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.”<sup>3</sup>

We need to reject the suggestions that spiritual consciousness is beyond our grasp, that Christian Science is abstract, or that the simple, brief declarations of Truth often made by children are too shallow to help adults. God, Truth, the only cause, the positive, timeless, and unmistakable source of all true being, gives everyone the ability to get rid of the illogical, negative pleas of mortal thought.

Health and well-being are restored by affirming that man is the individual expression of God’s nature and is not the victim of bad circumstances. The evil that seemed so real then retreats into nothingness, and the true reality of being appears. Mrs. Eddy writes: “Truth is affirmative, and confers harmony. All metaphysical logic is inspired by this simple rule of Truth, which governs all reality.”<sup>4</sup>

Everything is sound and beautiful because God made all. There is nothing to plead for; all that is His is ours. Every joy is ours by divine right, because God is the one infinite source of all true being. We deny evil because there is no evil; we affirm Truth because Truth is All. These simple statements of divine logic, when applied with love, faith, and understanding, bring healing and peace into our lives.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 72; <sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 270; <sup>3</sup> Mark 10:14, 15; <sup>4</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 418.

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## Press on

Healing breath  
of heaven's dew,  
cool me  
and calm the tremor  
some foolish fear  
initiates

that I may hold  
unshaken,  
unimpeachable in Truth,  
and never cast one look  
on what's behind—

that I may boldly stride  
to run with triumph  
in this holy  
marathon of races,

and ever swiftly on  
press on  
with healing in my heart.

ZERA JANE HOLLAND



## More truth-telling

An article on the Christian Science movement that appeared recently in *The Wall Street Journal* can serve as a useful reminder of the words written by Mary Baker Eddy when the press was mounting one of its frequent campaigns against her and her teachings: "Rest assured that the injustice done by press and pulpit to this denomination of Christians will cease, when it no longer blesses this denomination."<sup>1</sup>

It is not surprising that a church which uncompromisingly challenges current materialism should receive that kind of "blessing" from time to time! It might indeed be a sign of declining vitality if our church found itself wholly at peace with the secular values that have eroded so much of contemporary religious life. From its very beginning, Christianity has risen to new heights under the spur of hostile attempts to bury it, and that is equally true of the Church founded one hundred years ago by Mrs. Eddy to "reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing."<sup>2</sup>

The opening paragraphs of this latest article attempt to discredit all Christian Science healing by recounting a failure. Such a device necessarily has to ignore the century-long record of Christian Science in healing similar cases, many of them pronounced terminal by medical authority. It is understandable that materialism should feel a need to keep the vitality of Christian Science healing out of sight, but this in itself is a confession of the weakness rather than the strength of materialism.

Those who rejoice in the growing evidence of a new upsurge of interest in Christian healing, an interest that for the past decade has been spreading to one Christian church after another,

will readily recognize the nature of any effort to sweep the possibility of such healing under the rug. Seeing this for the backhanded tribute to spiritual power that it is, they will rise with renewed vigor to the greater possibilities before them.

Since the earliest days of Christian Science there have been repeated calls upon its adherents for more and better healing. Mrs. Eddy issued such calls. So has The Mother Church from time to time. Christians can never be satisfied until the absolute standard set by Christ Jesus is consistently reached. So it was not "an unprecedented statement" that came last year "from the starkly modern, 18-story headquarters of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston warning . . . that there is a need 'for more healing,' " as *The Wall Street Journal* averred. (In fact, the building has 25 floors, not 18. This is just one of the many errors in the newspaper article.)

The "statement" cited in the article bears repeating. It came in the message from The Christian Science Board of Directors at the 1978 Annual Meeting of The Mother Church and referred to the priorities needed in church progress: "And so today the need is not for more busywork but for more healing. It's not for more organizational mechanics but for more spirituality, meekness, humility. The need is not for more media exposure but for more demonstrated Christlikeness in the lives of all of us—more inspiration, love, and unity of action."<sup>3</sup>

This is the real answer to factual misrepresentation of Christian Science by critics who misunderstand or fear its unlimited promise and inescapable demands. Reacting with indignation or dismay to such misrepresentation accomplishes nothing. Scientifically seeing through it to the immense spiritual leavening that is really going on in human thought opens the way for increased demonstration. As those of us who aim to practice Christian healing are truly dedicated to this goal, our very lives become part of the great current of healing that reaches back to biblical times and flows irresistibly forward today.

As Mrs. Eddy succinctly puts it: "Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practised."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 151; <sup>2</sup> *Manual of The Mother Church*, p. 17; <sup>3</sup> *The Christian Science Journal*, August 1978, p. 453; <sup>4</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 174.

# Editorials



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## Scientific Christian healing

Over the past few decades there has been increasing recognition of the fact that what we think influences the condition of our physical bodies. This century has seen a big change in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Whereas the mental condition of patients used to be largely ignored in attempts to cure their diseased bodies, today it is quite widely accepted that, at least to some extent, one's thought is responsible for the state of one's health, and that thought must be taken into account and helped to adjust to a healthier state in order to improve the body.

Concomitant with this awareness there has been a considerable quickening of interest in nonconventional methods of healing—in various modes of so-called spiritual healing within and without the Christian churches, as well as in meditation, biofeedback, hypnotism, and many other systems of mental adjustment. Some are more spiritual than others in their approach, and a careful examination of their procedures will usually reveal that those that are most closely and genuinely related to the worship of God and the practice of Christian teachings are both the most spiritual and the most successful.

The recent series of articles in *The Christian Science Monitor*, daily edition, on the subject of spiritual healing has outlined and discussed many of the currently popular healing movements—their methods, claims, and results. Readers should now be better equipped to judge for themselves how closely these systems approximate the methods and results of Christ Jesus, the greatest spiritual healer of all time, the inaugurator of the method of Christian healing that Christian Science reinstates.



Christ Jesus practiced divine healing as Science. He claimed no exclusive therapeutic gift of his own but directed his seventy disciples to go out and heal as he did—and they obeyed. When they returned, elated with success, they said, “Even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.” But the Master told them, “In this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you.” He said, “Rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”<sup>1</sup>

Christian healing is not a display of personal triumph over devilish manifestations of sin and sickness. It is proof of the presence and power of God and the perfection of His universe, including man. It is God that heals. As Mary Baker Eddy says in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, “The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus’ time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation.”<sup>2</sup>

God, the one divine Principle, or creator, made in His own image all that was made—spiritual, perfect, sinless, immortal. Man and the universe exist, in their real being, in what the Bible refers to as heaven—the mental state of bliss and harmony in which the divine Spirit governs and intelligence is supreme. Each individual man and woman of God’s creating is the pure expression of divine Mind, without sin or blemish, reflecting the power of eternal Truth, infinite Life, and all-inclusive Love. The identity and nature of each one is, in truth, forever in heaven—in the state of divine consciousness—assured of everlasting bliss.

A glimpse of this truth is to the human mind as a searchlight shining in darkness. It exposes the unreality of the images of discord and despair that figure so ominously in the world of mortal belief. It causes them to be recognized merely as errors of belief, thereafter to disappear, giving place to the harmony, wholeness, health, and perfection of true being as created by God.

This healing light of Truth is reflected by those who live in the light—who live in accord with divine Principle, thus demonstrating the true idea of God through the conscious expression

of His qualities. "The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable,"<sup>3</sup> writes Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. One who would heal through the divine Spirit must in some measure express that Spirit—must express the goodness of divine Love, the integrity of Principle, and the pure, spiritual discernment of Soul.

Without this expression of the light of Christ by the individual, what power is there to illumine human thought and dispel the false beliefs of sin and sickness for suffering humanity?

"Ye are the light of the world,"<sup>4</sup> said Christ Jesus to his disciples, and his present-day followers are too, insofar as they live in accord with his teachings, express the Christ-spirit, and prove in daily life that their names (or natures) "are written in heaven." Christian healing can be practiced in no other way than by expressing the Christ—by letting the light of Truth shine in human consciousness. Ritual prayer, the repetition of formulas, physical touch and manipulation, meditation—none of these nonmedical systems have the healing power of the scientific spiritual treatment given by one who in some measure understands the true nature of the universe as created by God, and is aiming each day to express the Christly qualities in his own life.

Christian healing is divine healing. It is the result of acknowledging God as the only power and creator, and bringing thought into accord with the law of divine Principle. It requires dedication to the Christ to heal through the Christ, but the rewards are sure. Whoever brings the true idea to light in his daily life will heal the sick and cast out devils as surely as did those earlier followers of Christ Jesus. Above all, he will have the joy of knowing that his name is "written in heaven."

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<sup>1</sup> Luke 10:17, 20; <sup>2</sup> *Science and Health*, p. xi; <sup>3</sup> *ibid.*, p. 192; <sup>4</sup> Matt. 5:14.

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# Unfragmented being

Sometimes life may seem like a puzzle with hundreds of pieces. Puzzles are put together more easily when we get a good view of the whole picture. When we pray, our mental view of reality is clarified and we catch glimpses of the true pattern that will solve life's puzzle.

Our days often seem to be spent trying to fit the pieces together in a way that will match what we've glimpsed. Sometimes there are so many pieces we hardly know where to start. While a few begin to fit, others are hard to place or appear to be missing entirely. So life may seem. But a clear recognition of what life really is reveals that we're not mortals struggling to arrange a variety of pieces into a whole.

In reality, man does not need to piece together the truth of his being. He is already the complete expression of Principle. And Principle is the unfragmented basis of reality. God's creation is not the molding together of an infinite number of parts. He is One. His immeasurable creation is an expression of this perfect oneness. "The Lord our God is one Lord,"<sup>1</sup> Christ Jesus reaffirmed, quoting the Scriptures. The nature of Principle is orderly wholeness. The substance of reality is not splintered into sets of little mortal events, each huddled around an even littler mortal personality.

Principle draws its universe together, not with pieces of matter, but with the cohesiveness of endless Spirit. Principle has no puzzle to assemble. It provides eternal completeness expanding in limitless being. The wholeness of reality is central to the nature of Principle. Christian Science explains, in Mrs. Eddy's words, "... Truth is not fragmentary, disconnected, unsystematic, but concentrated and immovably fixed in Principle."<sup>2</sup> This is the essence of reality. It is unfragmented, whole.

When we take time to lift our view above the human puzzle and admit the completeness and ever-presence of divine Principle, an interesting thing happens in our lives. We begin noticing more often the right slots for the right pieces. But if we keep our view fastened to the pile of pieces, we'll have a more difficult

time sorting them out. We need a vivid sense of the whole, unbroken picture if we expect the pieces to come together naturally. If we want to outgrow the belief that life and being are fragmented, we must consistently shift our view from the pieces of mortality to more consistent glimpses of the completeness of immortality.

As we see that existence is whole, unfolding the continuity of perfection, then we are discerning something of God. Materiality is a collection of beliefs that would display God's creation as fragmented. Mankind embrace those beliefs and define this fragile existence as scattered and disconnected. Fractured bones, ruptured relations, shattered lives, are the poor pictures of mortality. But we need not sort through this debris trying to pull together some semblance of reality. Such a scene is not the essence of Truth or its creation.

We don't find God by looking at the disintegrating beliefs of material sense. Mrs. Eddy explains, "Principle is not to be found in fragmentary ideas."<sup>3</sup> Where, then, do we find God? How can we see beyond the pieces of materialism? Inspired Bible truths show us reality. The purpose of the Bible is not to draw interesting fragments of history together into a book. Its true design is to reveal the nature of God's completeness and allness and to illustrate the real man as His pure, spiritual expression—never in disarray.

The life of Christ Jesus brought into focus this deep spiritual message of the Bible. His life gave irresistible proof that God is infinitely good. It showed that God is ever-present Spirit, and the ascension showed conclusively that man's true substance is eternally spiritual. Jesus revealed the fact that individual being is not an assembly of matter, subject to delicate development and maturity, finally severed and pushed into Spirit. His life proved that individual being represents the continuing unfoldment of perfection.

What Jesus taught was not bits and items of reality pulled together through some personal insight. His teachings were drawn from his God-bestowed vision of reality—whole, provable. He illustrated for his followers an understandable method of demonstrating God's wholeness, His completeness. Those teachings



have been spelled out clearly and systematically in the writings of Mary Baker Eddy. She insists, "Mystery does not enshroud Christ's teachings, and they are not theoretical and fragmentary, but practical and complete; and being practical and complete, they are not deprived of their essential vitality."<sup>4</sup>

If too much of our vitality has been sacrificed in piecing together the puzzle of human existence, we need to devote less time to shuffling those pieces around in an effort to make them fit. We need to admit the presence and completeness of God and man, now. We need to lift our vision to a recognition that God's infinite love is embracing the whole of being and that we always fit distinctly and perfectly into His presence.

True being has never been broken into pieces; it never needs to be put back together. Existence is not composed of doubts and schisms. It is an expression of all-knowing, cohesive, divine Mind. In this truth of being, man's substance is utterly spiritual, untouched by the beliefs of materiality. Because God is complete, man is permanently whole. Principle sustains his unfragmented being.

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<sup>1</sup> Mark 12:29; <sup>2</sup> *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 93; <sup>3</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 302; <sup>4</sup> *ibid.*, p. 98.

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*The works of the Lord are great,  
sought out of all them  
that have pleasure therein.  
His work is honourable and glorious:  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.  
He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. . . .  
The works of his hands are verity and judgment;  
all his commandments are sure.  
They stand fast for ever and ever,  
and are done in truth and uprightness.*

Psalms 111:2-4, 7, 8

# Meeting the bullies' threats

David M. Wilson

Bam! Bam! Bam!

Gene and Dale pounded on Bill's front door with their fists.

"Come outside right now and play baseball! We need another player or we can't play. If you don't come out *now*, we'll break the glass, unlock the door, come in, and beat you up!" Gene yelled.

"And you may not ever be able to play baseball again when we finish with you," Dale added.

Their threats frightened Bill. He was alone in the house. He had promised his mother he would practice his accordion for thirty minutes while she went to the grocery store.

Bill walked into the dining room to telephone the police. They could handle two bullies. Just as he picked up the phone he thought, "God is more powerful than the police." Bill put the phone down.

As a pupil in the Christian Science Sunday School, he had learned that God is the only power. The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, writes in her book *Science and Health*: "There is no power apart from God. Omnipotence has all-power, and to acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God." <sup>1</sup>

Christ Jesus proved this when an angry crowd threatened to throw him over a cliff. He did not argue with them. The Bible says: "But he passing through the midst of them went his way." <sup>2</sup>

Bill remembered hearing the Bible story of David and Goliath. David was a shepherd. He had had to defend his father's sheep from bears and lions.

Goliath was a Philistine soldier. He was very tall, and the



Israelites were all afraid of him. He challenged the Israelites to send one man to fight him. "Choose you a man for you," Goliath said, "and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I

prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.”<sup>3</sup>

David volunteered to fight Goliath. Though he did not wear armor or carry a sword as Goliath did, he won the fight because he trusted God completely. And the people of Israel were saved by the young shepherd.

Bill didn't call the police. He knew it wasn't necessary. As he turned away from the phone he felt safe, cared for by God, divine Love, just as Jesus and David had been.

He walked toward the door, not knowing what Gene and Dale would do. But he did know that God, all good, was in complete control. And since God was in control, there was nothing to fear. He thought of himself as a modern-day David facing Goliath.

Bill knew that he didn't need a sword or armor. He was armed with the spiritual power of the Christ, Truth. As soon as Bill reached the front door, Gene and Dale turned and ran. Then Bill sat down to practice his accordion, and that's what he was doing when his mother came home from the store.

Later that same day, Bill played baseball with Gene and Dale and other boys in the neighborhood. No one said anything about the morning's clash. Bill was grateful for this proof that Christian Science works.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 228; <sup>2</sup> Luke 4:30; <sup>3</sup> I Sam. 17:8, 9.

[Healing experiences in *Sentinel* articles for children as well as adults are carefully verified.]



# Christ's healing presence

Many have felt what they would describe as the presence of the Christ. They've known the light and the joy and the unselfed love that speaks of his coming. It has changed their lives. It has brought healing, too.

Can this joy and love be sustained in all circumstances?

Can the light be rekindled? Is there a way for others to feel this Christ presence?



Prayer and thoughtful study of the Bible and the life of Christ Jesus can open the way. Many have found deeper insights into Bible teachings through the book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy.

This book makes plain the message Jesus came to give. It can lighten the way for you and help you know Christ's healing presence.

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## Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

Recently I was suddenly unable to hear properly. Words spoken to me in a normal tone of voice were lost, although I could manage to understand telephone conversations. There were constant buzzing and sizzling noises in my ears.

This condition depressed and discouraged me, especially since our Christian Science Students Association meeting that year had related hearing and seeing to spirituality. I felt I had prayed and worked for increased spiritualization of thought. Now I faced this difficulty. However, prayer and study continued, and it was finally clear that my thinking needed careful examination. Resentment and self-pity stemming from feelings of overwork and lack of appreciation were uncovered and destroyed. I now made an effort to get a mortal sense of self out of the way and leave everything to divine Mind's direction.

The suggestion of advancing years had crept in, accompanied by deterioration of faculties. This was seen as a lie of matter-based thinking and promptly refuted. I knew that hearing and seeing are truly faculties of Soul, hence indestructible. Spiritual understanding includes listening with discernment to God's commands and obeying them. In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* our faithful Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, states (p. 487): "There is more Christianity in seeing and hearing spiritually than materially. There is more Science in the perpetual exercise of the Mind-faculties than in their loss. Lost they cannot be, while Mind remains. The apprehension of this gave

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The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf centuries ago, and it will repeat the wonder.”

I stopped indiscriminate acceptance of every impression reaching my consciousness by first making sure that the message was an idea from God. This refusal to accumulate nonessentials brought an added blessing. Through the years I had amassed quantities of papers, literature, and letters, creating a chaotic state of disorder and disorganization. With the help of a friend this situation was now cleared up.

Aided by the steadfast prayer of a Christian Science practitioner, and by clearing injurious weeds out of my thoughts, I was able to overcome the condition of deafness. What a joy to again hear the birds sing! How precious is true hearing, which can never be lost because it is a faculty of Soul. This healing opened the door to increased spiritual understanding.

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One afternoon, while trimming branches from a high tree, I fell. The impact was so loud that a neighbor shouted, “What happened?” I replied, “Nothing!” This declaration was the beginning of my spiritualized approach. I wasn’t just denying the suggestion of accident. I was acknowledging, through prayer, my true oneness with God, good—my spiritual perfection, which had always existed. I knew Mind, God, had never lost sight of me, nor could I be separated from His care.

My neighbor called, “Are you OK?” My reply, “Yes,” had more conviction to it, as my consciousness was becoming less concerned with the material evidence and more God-centered. I thought of Mrs. Eddy’s statement (*Science and Health*, p. 397): “When an accident happens, you think or exclaim, ‘I am hurt!’ Your thought is more powerful than your words, more powerful than the accident itself, to make the injury real.”

I asked my wife for my Bible and *Science and Health*. Some of the truths I read helped fortify my prayer, purifying and releasing me from the suggestion of severe injury. I realized that as

man is the reflection of the one perfect God, nothing discordant can touch him. With this spiritualization of thought, I knew healing was at hand. The lies about man had been rejected, and replaced by the truth of being. A total adjustment of my body followed, and within a few hours I was free. The following day I was at my post as Sunday School teacher.

Other healings have occurred—some quite quickly, and others after a great deal of prayer and study. Once, while having my teeth cleaned by a dentist, I was referred to a specialist. The specialist said I needed to have a number of teeth removed because of an incurable condition of the gums. Much prayer followed over many months. The result—all teeth were saved and are firmly in place. This healing took place over ten years ago. Through my persistently applying the healing laws of God, chronic backache, fatigue, and an annual winter cold have been obliterated. I am enriched by many opportunities to serve the Cause of Christian Science each day.

G. STANLEY HAMMOND  
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After my wife's passing, I felt a deep loss and became depressed and ill. I was sent to a specialist for a cardiac examination, and tests indicated a condition of angina. This only added to my other troubles, as I was already receiving treatment for nervous debility, insomnia, and headaches, and I was always in fear of the return of a previous distressing ailment.

At this time I was introduced to a Christian Science practitioner, who agreed to treat me through prayer. I started going to a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, and was given literature to read. I was already reading *Science and Health* by our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy. I did not know then that I was on my way to a happier, healthier, and holier way of life.

I moved to another district, where regular branch church attendance continued. After some time I again asked a practitioner for help. One day I went to the medicine chest and destroyed all the medicines and tablets. I had not taken any of



them for a long time but was keeping them as a last resort. Now I made my stand for total reliance on Christian Science healing and left my health in the care of God, good. My thought was becoming spiritualized, and I knew that God, the preserver of man, would protect me. This proved to be so, for the various illnesses were all healed. Through the years my problems have been resolved through prayer, sometimes with the help of a practitioner.

When my car was stolen, I was afraid that all sorts of things might happen to it. The practitioner I contacted immediately allayed my fears and recommended the study of several passages in *Science and Health*. I also pondered Hymn 390 in the *Christian Science Hymnal*. This sentence from *No and Yes* by Mrs. Eddy was especially inspiring (p. 30): "God's law is in three words, 'I am All;' and this perfect law is ever present to rebuke any claim of another law." Truly, God's law is governing all His creation, maintaining it in perfect order. Twenty days after the car had been taken, it was recovered and in the same condition as I had left it.

I woke one night with a high fever. In the morning there was also a swollen and inflamed leg. A practitioner prayed for me, and both conditions were quickly healed.

Last year my motor insurance was due, and because of my advancing years a medical examination was required by the insurance company. After prayer and study in a Christian Science Reading Room, I felt a calm conviction that my life was under the perfect control of divine Mind, God. I complied with the request of the insurance company and arranged for a doctor to give me a medical examination. He was completely satisfied with my fitness to drive and signed the insurance certificate. He then turned to me and exclaimed, "You are a very fit man!"

It is with humility and gratitude that I share these healings. I am grateful to be a member of The Mother Church and active in my branch church, where the fellowship and love of the members mean a great deal.

EDWARD L. BIRCH  
Lower Tuffley, Gloucestershire, England

When Christian Science came into my life, my husband and I were in hopeless sorrow. Our only son, who was six months old, was desperately ill and in a coma. As the baby specialist left that night he said, "I can promise nothing."

This Science had been recommended to us earlier, but we knew little about it and did not follow through. Now we were ready to try anything. We called a Christian Science practitioner for help. In less than three hours our son came out of the coma completely healed. We thanked God with all our hearts.

Since then, Christian Science has been my way of life, and I have not received medical aid of any kind. The years have been filled with blessings and proofs of God's constant love and care.

One day a letter arrived from our daughter-in-law, stating she had an opportunity for a "fabulous" European trip. She would be able to go if I could keep the children for her. She didn't realize that at the time I was sick and barely able to cope with necessary housework. I felt crushed, as I deeply wanted to help her.

I prayed the rest of the day and far into the night, clinging to the fact that God is Love. Then I reasoned that the manifestation of divine Love would always include perfect health and perfect strength. As I realized the infinite nature of God's love, it became clear that God would never endow His idea, man, with an abundance of health and strength, then snatch them away. In my true nature I must unvaryingly express these attributes.

Pondering these indisputable spiritual facts brought calmness and peace. I fell asleep and woke next morning well and strong. Our daughter-in-law had her wonderful trip, and my husband and I enjoyed six weeks caring for our two grandsons. In the Preface to *Science and Health* our inspired Leader, Mrs. Eddy, says (p. x), "The divine Principle of healing is proved in the personal experience of any sincere seeker of Truth."

More recently, I was suddenly stricken with symptoms of pleurisy. This was a condition I feared, for before knowing anything of Christian Science, I spent nearly a year recovering from this illness. Immediately a practitioner was called to pray for me. I told him a luncheon had been planned for twelve people that day but that friends would take care of it, since I was feeling too sick to even read or study. He urged me to recall past

healings and claim each one as proof that God loves me. As this work was begun, the memory of many healings poured into consciousness, filling it with gratitude for the Father's instant, unfailing love. This went on for some time until I suddenly realized my breathing was free and without pain. Healing had occurred. I got up, dressed, and prepared for the luncheon. No one enjoyed the occasion more than I. My heartfelt thanks for the peace, happiness, and comfort that Christian Science has brought to my life.

(Mrs.) LOUISE KELLY  
Nashville, Tennessee



Christian Science has taught me to depend solely on God, and the more consistently and persistently I have done this, the more I have grown in understanding God, who is Life itself, and man, who is the reflection of this Life.

As a teen-ager and a dancer, I had quick healings that enabled me to continue with ballet performances. A crushed leg was healed after a horse fell on me; a sprained ankle was quickly restored; a painful skin condition on my feet was healed.

I have had three harmonious childbirths through reliance on God's care. This passage from *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy was of particular help to me (p. 463): "To attend properly the birth of the new child, or divine idea, you should so detach mortal thought from its material conceptions, that the birth will be natural and safe."

There have been numerous quick healings for the children, including those of earaches, stomachaches, fevers, chicken pox, car sickness, mumps, and cuts. When our eldest son was only four, he broke out with chicken pox while we were on a ski trip. My husband, who is not a Scientist, insisted we stop at a nearby Army hospital. We were told our son would have the red spots for several days and that he also had an infection. My husband accepted the medicine that was offered. From our motel I called a Christian Science practitioner, and during the conversation and after it I felt assured that God was in control.

When my husband tried to give the medicine to our son, the child refused with a strong but simple "No!" The subject was dismissed and we all went to sleep. The next day the red spots were gone, and we continued on our journey to the ski resort. There was no further mention of the incident, but since this healing my husband has been considerably more favorable toward Christian Science and the protection it offers our children.

An important healing for me came one evening after I attended a meeting. During the meeting an increasingly severe pain developed in my chest. As I drove home, I prayed, pondering many truths I knew of God and His image, man. I knew God creates perfection, that He is All, and that there is no other power. I prayed to better understand "the scientific statement of being," which begins, "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter" (*Science and Health*, p. 468). Although I generally like being my own practitioner, when I reached home I immediately called a practitioner, whose prayer was so effective the pain stopped almost as soon as I hung up the phone. In this healing it had been important, to both the practitioner and me, to affirm God's control of all life.

Christian Science is wonderful to have during times of sickness and during other difficult trials, but I love it best because it is with me on an everyday basis—preventing problems as well as solving them.

(Mrs.) DOROTHY TAYLOR BAUER  
Irving, Texas



In the fall of 1977 I began to lose my appetite and soon found that internal organs were not functioning. Pain occurred in various parts of my body. As a student of Christian Science, I did as I had been taught. I became conscious of the fact that my true and only substance is Spirit—and that I reflect divine Mind. I knew that my origin and residence are in God and not in a changeable pseudo mind's body of its own creating. I knew that in reality I am a formation of divine Mind, functioning with perfect scientific health.



This assurance of Mrs. Eddy's was encouraging (*Science and Health*, p. 419): "Disease has no intelligence with which to move itself about or to change itself from one form to another."

Numerous spiritual facts from this book and the Bible came to mind. When I was tempted to wonder if I could keep my spiritual defense fresh and clear, I realized that God could furnish me with "more than twelve legions of angels" (Matt. 26:53)—an abundance of powerful, healing truths.

Instead of being tempted to start or stop eating as a measure to alleviate pain, I continued to eat normally, inspired by this scientific statement about Truth and its effects (*Science and Health*, p. 420): "It increases or diminishes the action, as the case may require, better than any drug, alterative, or tonic."

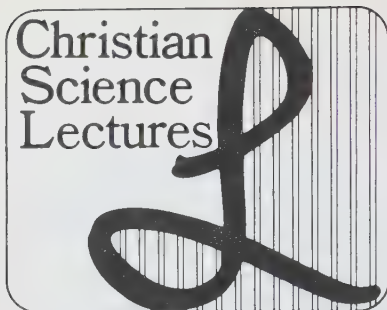
When the discomfort became preoccupying, I called a Christian Science practitioner for help. Relief was immediate. With appropriate support from family members, I continued to go to work and maintain my home and church activities uninterrupted. My urgent goal was to understand my way out of this lie and to be a witness to God's healing and saving power.

At different times I was tempted to contemplate the evidence of an internal complaint and wonder, "What's going on in there?" At last the mortal speculation was silenced by this spiritually scientific response pointed out by the practitioner, which finally dawned on me a few days later (Luke 17:21): "The kingdom of God is within you." I knew these words of Christ Jesus' were the final blow to the suffering of misunderstanding.

I undertook a study of the definition of "Kingdom of Heaven" in *Science and Health*. It reads (p. 590): "The reign of harmony in divine Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme." Soon the pain disappeared, and the bodily functions became normal.

The lessons learned through the help of practitioners, and continuous opportunities for church work that always made me *want* to grow spiritually, contributed in a significant measure to this healing—to the tenacity and conviction that increased my understanding step by step.

(Mrs.) VIRGINIA LEE STOW  
Okemos, Michigan



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‡ Indicates Children's Room available during lectures.

\* If details such as time, place, title, or child care facilities are missing from a church's listing, please see local publicity.

## ENGLAND

**EAST SUSSEX—Hove:** Church, 39 Salisbury Rd., 7:30 p.m., Fri., June 1. "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

**ESSEX—Colchester:** Church, 24 Trinity St., 7:30 p.m., Tues., May 29. "The Key to the Mystery of Creation" (McClain)

**KENT—Maidstone:** College Communal Centre, Oakwood Park, 3:30 p.m., Sun., May 27. ‡ "From Hell to Heaven" (Rogers)

**Orpington:** Church, 33 Knoll Rise, 8 p.m., Tues., May 29. "Is Your Heart on Fire?" (Rogers)

**LANCASHIRE—Preston:** Charter Theatre, Guild Hall Arcade, 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 29. ‡ "The Key to the Mystery of Creation" (McClain)

**LINCOLNSHIRE—Louth:** Ayscough Hall, Lee St., 3:30 p.m., Sun., May 27. "Something to Depend On" (Jenks)

**LONDON—London (Second):** Thurs., May 31. (Jenks)\*

## FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

**Augsburg:** Vortragssaal der Stadtwerke, 1 Hoher Weg, 4 p.m., Sun., Apr. 29. ‡ In German. "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

**Munich (First):** Sophiensaal, 6 Sophienstr., 7:30 p.m., Mon., Apr. 30. ‡ In German. "Responding to the Word of God" (Anwandter)

**Remscheid:** Foyer der Stadtbücherei, 4-6 Scharffstr., 5 p.m., Sat., May 5. ‡ In German. "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

## BRAZIL

**Rio de Janeiro:** 58 Avda. Presidente Antonio Carlos, 6:30 p.m., Tues., May 22. In Portuguese. "Healing Under the Law and Gospel" (Rivas)

## UNITED STATES

(Week of April 8 to 14, some earlier and later dates)

**ALASKA—Ketchikan:** Church, 330 Main St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 23. ‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Kodiak:** Church, Rezanoff and Carolyn St., 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 26. "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**CALIFORNIA—Angels Camp:** Church, 1538 Hwy. 4 and Depot Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8. (Heard)\*

**Bell:** Church, 6305 Vinevale Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8. "Who Runs Your Life?" (Holmes)

**Covina:** Church, 173 W. Center St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13. ‡ "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

**Dana Point:** Dana Hills High School, 33333 Golden Lantern St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8. ‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Encino (Thirty-eighth, Los Angeles):** Church, 4830 Genesta Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10. ‡ (Holmes)\*

**Fontana:** Church, 8587 Palmetto Ave., 12 noon, Sat., Apr. 14. ‡ "Who Runs Your Life?" (Holmes)

**Los Angeles (Thirteenth):** Church, 1750 N. Edgemont St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9. ‡ "Who Runs Your Life?" (Holmes)

**CALIFORNIA** (continued)

**Oakland** (joint lecture): Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, 1 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Pacific Palisades** (Thirty-seventh, Los Angeles): Church, 15201 Bestor Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Palo Alto** (First): Church, 661 Bryant St., 12:30 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

**Red Bluff**: Church, 956 Jackson St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.‡ "We Thy People" (Heard)

**San Francisco** (Eighth): Sat., Apr. 14. "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)\*

**San Jose** (First, Saratoga): Lynbrook High School, Johnson Ave. and Rainbow Dr., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Do You Need a Change of Heart?" (Mondino)

**Santa Ana**: Church, 920 N. Main St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

**Watsonville**: First United Methodist Church, 229 Stanford St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Yreka**: Church, 125 S. Oregon St., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "We Thy People" (Heard)

**CONNECTICUT—Ridgefield**: East Ridge Jr. High School, 10 East Ridge, 8:30 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Washington** (Third): Church, 900 16th St., N.W., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 19.‡ "The Science of Christian Healing" (Hubbell)

**IDAHO—Boise** (First): Hoff Bldg., 802 W. Bannock, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 5.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**ILLINOIS—Chicago** (First): Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 S. Michigan, 12:30 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13. "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

**Chicago Heights**: Church, Lincoln Hwy. and Edgewood Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "Who Is Making Your Decisions?" (Williams)

**Fairview Heights**: Church, 4 Phillip Dr. and Rte. 50, 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.‡ "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**Granite City**: Church, 2560 Delmar Ave., 3:30 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

**Skokie**: Church, 7800 Niles Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

**Wheaton**: Church, 327 N. Main St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

**INDIANA—Hammond**: Church, 7125 Hohman Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.‡ (Rennie)\*

**South Bend**: Century Center, 120 S. St. Joseph St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

**IOWA—Clarinda**: Church, 501 S. 16th, 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8. "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

**KENTUCKY—Newport**: Church, 639 Nelson Pl., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)\*

**MARYLAND—Baltimore** (First): Church, 102 W. University Pkwy., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)

**MASSACHUSETTS—Ayer**: Ayer Town Hall, Main St., 8 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

**Foxboro** (First, Sharon): Ahearn Intermediate School, Mechanic St., 8 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "Dare to Care" (Houston)

**Greenfield**: Church, 463 Main St., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Mary Baker Eddy's Challenge to Materiality" (Spencer)

**Springfield** (joint lecture): Lobby entrance, 1277 Civic Center Plaza, Dwight St., 12 noon, Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

**MICHIGAN—Harper Woods**: Theater, Vernier Rd., 1 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)

**Lansing** (First): Hall, Partington Center, 519 W. Kalamazoo St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9. "Reality: Matter or Mind?" (Ferris)

**Traverse City**: Sr. High School, 1150 Milliken Dr., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10. "The Spiritual Basis of Health" (Ferris)

**Wayne**: Church, 36016 Michigan Ave., W., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "The Spiritual Basis of Health" (Ferris)

**MISSOURI—Brentwood:** 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10. "God, You, and the Kingdom of Heaven" (Pickett)\*

**Columbia:** Columbia Public Library, 100 W. Broadway Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9. "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

**Ferguson:** Church, 29 Randolph Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.† "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

**Kansas City** (Seventh): Church, 604 W. 47th St. Plaza, 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 7.† "The Life That Is Worth Living" (Henniker-Heaton)

**NEBRASKA—Lincoln** (Second): Lincoln Community Playhouse, 2500 S. 56th St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.† "Have You Found Yourself?" (Alton)

**Omaha** (First): Church, 565 S. 24th St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.† "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

**NEVADA—Reno:** Holiday Inn, 1000 E. 6th St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.† "Finding Reality Through Prayer" (Heard)

**NEW JERSEY—Freehold:** The American Hotel, 20 E. Main St., 8:15 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.† "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

**NORTH CAROLINA—Hendersonville:** The Chariot, Seventh Ave., 7:30 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.† "Freedom to Be Yourself" (Robbins)

**Kinston:** Church, 1701 Windsor Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.† "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)

**OHIO—Ashtabula:** Church, 1030 Bunker Hill Rd., 8 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.† "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

**Celina:** Church, 516 E. Wayne St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.† "God Is Your Provider" (Alton)

**Cleveland Heights:** Church, 3181 Fairmount Blvd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.† "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

**Dayton** (joint lecture): Victory Theatre, First and Main Sts., 12 noon, Fri., Apr. 13.† "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

**Sandusky:** Hall, Savings Bldg. and Loan, 207 W. Washington St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.† "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

**Warren:** Church, 500 Vine Ave., N.E., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.† "The Search for Life" (McGrew)

**OKLAHOMA—Tulsa** (joint lecture): Tulsa Assembly Center, Civic Center, 4 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.† "Can I Truly Be Myself?" (Henniker-Heaton)

**OREGON—Gleneden Beach** (First, Lincoln City): Long House, Salishan Lodge, Hwy. 101, S., 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.† "More than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

**Hillsboro:** Church, 1054 N.E. Grant St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.† "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

**Lake Oswego:** Auditorium, Lakeridge High School, 1235 S.W. Overlook Dr., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.† "More than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

**PENNSYLVANIA—Brentwood:** Church, 3337 Brownsville Rd., 3:15 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.† "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

**Carlisle:** Hamilton Library, 21 N. Pitt St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10. "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

**Greensburg:** Church, 425 S. Main St., 8:15 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.† "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

**Johnstown:** Church, 1067 Menoher Blvd., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.† "Spiritual Power and Its Application" (Correll)

**Philadelphia** (Sixth): Church, 4720 Leiper St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.† "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

**Sharon:** Church, 80 S. Irvine Ave., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14. "The Language of Soul" (Clarke)

**Upper Darby:** Church, Chestnut (east of 69th St.), 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.† "Eternity Now" (Fleming)

**Wilkinsburg:** Church, 1900 Graham Blvd., 8:15 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.† "Spiritual Power and Its Application" (Correll)

**RHODE ISLAND—Cumberland:** Church, Bear Hill Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.† "What It Takes to Heal" (Spencer)

**SOUTH CAROLINA—Charleston:** Sun., Apr. 8.† "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)\*

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**VIRGINIA—McLean:** Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolly Madison Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "The Touch of Spirit" (Clarke)

**Waynesboro:** Church, 1011 Northgate Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Visibility Unlimited" (Robbins)

**WASHINGTON—Camas:** AWPPW Hall, 514 N.E. Dallas and Fifth, 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "More than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

**Chehalis:** W.F. West Lecture Rm., 342 S.W. 16th St., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.‡ "Let My People Go" (White)

**Issaquah** (joint lecture): Holiday Inn, 1601 12th, N.W., 10:30 a.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

**Kirkland:** 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "Let My People Go" (White)\*

**Port Angeles:** Church, 120 W. Eighth, 7:30 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

**Seattle** (Third): Church, 1707 N.E. 50th, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Good Without Evil" (White)

**Seattle** (Sixth): Church, 42d Ave., S.W. and Lander St., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "More than a Superstar" (Aghamalian)

**Seattle** (Eighth): Gymnasium, Broadview Elementary School, 12515 Greenwood Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12. "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

**Seattle** (Tenth): Church, 233 S. 156th St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.‡ "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

**Shelton:** Evergreen School, Eighth and Pine, 7:30 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10.‡ "Good Without Evil" (White)

**WEST VIRGINIA—Clarksburg:** Church, 658 W. Pike St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 10. "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

**Huntington:** Church, 12th St. and Eleventh Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 9.‡ "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

**Morgantown:** Church, 236 Coburn Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 8.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

**WISCONSIN—Beloit:** Church, 505 Bluff St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13.‡ "Honesty—The Power of Its Deeper Dimension" (Rennie)

**Fort Atkinson:** J. F. Luther Jr. High, 201 Park, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 12.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

**Marinette:** Church, Stephenson and Liberty, 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ (Rennie)\*

**Milwaukee** (First): Church, 1451 N. Prospect Ave., 1 p.m., Fri., Apr. 13. "Who Is Making Your Decisions?" (Williams)

**Oshkosh:** Church, 443 Algoma Blvd., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 14.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

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# Letters to the Press

From Christian Science  
Committees on Publication

In *Clarkston Herald*  
Clarkston, Washington

It was gratifying to read in [the] personal column in the *Herald* [recently] that [the columnist] is now recovering from a disabling ankle injury.

However, a few of the facts attributed to Mary Baker Eddy in the same column and which he found in a "biographical syllabus" would most certainly have astonished Mrs. Eddy.

While it is true that her personal need for health and a growing interest in various healing methods attracted her, for a time, to one who professed to be a "mental healer"—Phineas Quimby—those visits did not result in her being healed permanently. It was only after she turned to the Bible and prayerfully studied the healing work accomplished by Christ Jesus that she herself was healed of a serious illness.

Although her life has often been misunderstood and conse-

quently misrepresented at times, the present revival of interest in Christian healing owes much to her conviction that Jesus' command to heal the sick through the application of his teachings applies to his present-day disciples as surely as it did to those who were his immediate followers.

It would be helpful if you might find the occasion to share this observation with your readers in your column containing letters to the editor.

WILLIAM R. THOMAS  
Committee on Publication

In *Northern Echo*  
Darlington, Durham, England

In their own lives, and not only on questions of healing, Christian Scientists (reference, September 13) seek the practical healing touch of God's love through radical reliance on that love as equal to every human need. However, it would be a denial of the Christian standard of compassion and tolerance for a Christian Scientist to attempt to influence or persuade someone else in matters concerning his welfare and health. We would certainly do all we could to co-operate in obtaining medical assistance for those who wanted it but were unable to help themselves, whether members of our own family or otherwise.

LILLIAN SINCLAIR  
Committee on Publication

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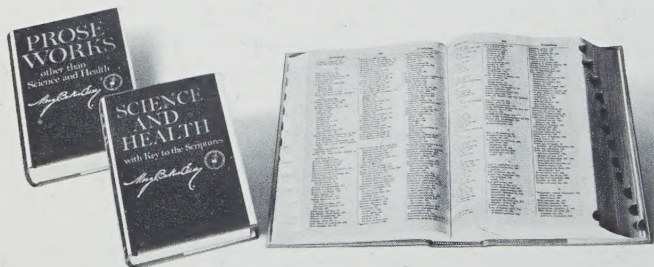
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